

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 24-35 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 35 has been amended for clarity only. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 24-34 are allowed. In addition, Applicants appreciate the indication that claim 35 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

During a telephonic interview conducted on February 4, 2005, Examiner Dawson agreed that an amendment of the type set forth in claim 35 would overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, without raising new issues requiring further consideration. While the Examiner indicated that a further update search would be required, the Office Action already indicates that claim 35 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all the claims are patentable and that the entire application is in condition for allowance.


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Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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